the beneficiaries can avail treatment in any nearest hospital and claim reimbursement from Government thereafter as per rules.

(c) & (d) Proposals for opening of CGHS dispensaries at Mayur Vihar Phase-III and Vikaspuri have already been included in the 10th five year plan. However, due to constraints of resources and manpower it will not be possible to open new dispensaries in these areas at present.

Hurdles in getting disability certificate from hospitals

†2687. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that people get overaged while waiting anxiously for getting disability certificate;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) time limit fixed for issuance of disability certificate by the hospital authority;

(d) whether Government are also aware of the fact that people keep on visiting hospitals for months for getting disability certificate as sometimes doctors of the concerned department aren't available while people keep on wandering about due to lack of information; and

(e) whether Government are formulating any action plan for streamlining the process and if so, the comprehensive details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (e) Disability Certificates are required by the physically, mentally, visually, deaf and dumb and multi disabled handicap persons to get the various concessions and facilities provided by the Government. These certificates are recommended by a duly constituted Board and issued by the Hospital Administration. The Directorate General of Health Services has already constituted medical boards for issue of disability certificates in all the large hospitals working under them.

The medical boards constituted by the various Central Government hospitals for the purpose of recommending disability certificate meet at

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

regular intervals, and the disability certificates are issued to the eligible persons onthe same day on which these are recommended by the medical board.

In addition Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment has also issued guidelines in the year 2001& 2002 for expeditious evaluation of disabilities and procedure for certifications to the State Government/Uts.

Advertisement on drugs

†2688. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Unani or herbal medicines of different types, attracting teh patients by advertisements these days, are licensed by Government;

(b) whether Government have found them suitable for the treatment of advertised diseases after making complete test of these medicines;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the action that has been taken by Government so far on sale and advertisement of such unauthorized medicines treating it as illegal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (d) The Advertisements of drugs including Unani and Herbal medicine is regulated under the provisions of Drugs and magic Remedies (Objectionable Advertisement) Act, 1954 advertisements of any drug for specified 54 diseases and disorders listed under the schedule to the Act as well as under the Rules framed under the Act.

All medicines including Unani or Herbal can be manufactured only under a license obtained from the respective licensing authorities following the provisions of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940 and the Rules made thereunder. Quality test of these medicines are also regulated under the provisions of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act and Rules thereunder. Advertisement for specified disease of schedule is against the Drugs and Magic Remedies (Objectionable advertisement) Act 1954.

Government have taken the following steps:—